

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Palau National Communications Corporation)	
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Petition for Declaratory Ruling that)	
Palau National Communications Corporation)	
Is Subject to FCC Jurisdiction and Eligible to)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Participate in Universal Service Programs and)	
the National Exchange Carrier Association)	
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Petition for Related Waivers and Application)	
for International Section 214 Authority)	
)	
Federal State Board on Universal Service)	

ORDER

Adopted: June 11, 2003

Released: June 12, 2003

By the Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division:

1. On November 16, 2001, Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) filed the above-captioned petition for a declaratory ruling that PNCC is eligible to participate in the federal universal service support programs and the National Carrier Exchange Carrier Association.¹ PNCC’s Petition also includes an application for international section 214 authority.²

2. On June 5, 2003, PNCC submitted a request to hold the Petition in abeyance “pending potential developments relating to negotiations between the Republic of Palau and the United States and possible relevant actions by other branches of government.”³ PNCC also indicated that it would notify the Commission when it is prepared to ask the Commission to resume processing the Petition.⁴

¹ Palau National Communications Corporation, Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Related Waivers to Enable Palau National Communications Corporation to Participate in Universal Service Programs and the National Exchange Carrier Association and Application for International Section 214 Authority, filed Nov. 16, 2001 (Petition).

² *Id.* at 34.

³ Letter from David L. Sieradzki, Counsel for the Palau National Communications Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, dated June 5, 2003.

⁴ *Id.*

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the request to hold the above-captioned petition in abeyance IS GRANTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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